

Public airwaves for the public -- NOT for commercial or for-profit corporations
I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of
the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules.

In general, it is my considered opinion that the public airwaves should
not be licensed to for-profit entities or for commercial purposes. I
believe licenses should only be granted to nonprofit organizations.

In particular, at the very least, in view of its goals to promote
competition, diversity and localism in today's media market, I strongly
believe that the FCC should retain all of the current media ownership
rules now in question. These rules serve the public interest by limiting
the market power of already huge companies in the broadcast industry.

I do not believe that the studies commissioned by the FCC accurately
demonstrate the negative affects media deregulation and consolidation have
had on media diversity. While there may be indeed be more sources of
media than ever before, the spectrum of views presented have become more
limited.

The right to carry on informed debate and discussion of current events is
part of the founding philosophy of our nation. Our forefathers believed
that democracy was best served by a diverse marketplace of ideas. If the
FCC allows our media outlets to merge, our ability to have open, informed
discussion with a wide variety of viewpoints will be compromised.

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership
rules in question in this proceeding.

In addition, I support the FCC's plan to hold a public hearing on this
matter in Richmond, VA in February 2003. I strongly encourage the
Commission to hold similar hearings in all parts of the country and
solicit the widest possible participation from the public which will be
the most directly affected by the outcomes of these decisions. I think it
is important for the FCC to not only consider the points of view of those
with a financial interest in this issue, but also those with a social or
civic interest.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it
is incumbent on the Commission to take the time to review these issues
more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in
the process.

Thank you,

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